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ELECTIONS, NOMINATIONS AND CONFIRMATIONS

Election of members of the International Narcotics Control Board under the provisions of article 9, paragraph 1 (a), of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, as amended by the 1972 Protocol

Note by the Secretary-General

Election of two members from candidates nominated by the World Health Organization

1. The Secretary-General informed the Economic and Social Council, at its organizational session for 1996, of the conditions under which the forthcoming election of members to the International Narcotics Control Board would be held. The present note contains information on candidates nominated by the World Health Organization. Information on candidates nominated by Governments is contained in document E/1996/55.

2. In accordance with established procedure, the Secretary-General invited the Director-General of the World Health Organization to propose candidates with a view to filling the two posts that would become vacant on 1 March 1997 on the expiration of the term of office of two members of the International Narcotics Control Board who had originally been nominated by the World Health Organization. The two posts are currently occupied by Sirad Atmodjo (Indonesia) and A. Hamid Ghodse (Islamic Republic of Iran).

3. The Secretariat received a communication dated 22 November 1995 from the Director-General of the World Health Organization in which, in accordance with

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the provisions of article 10, paragraph 1, of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961 as amended by the 1972 Protocol, 1/ the Director-General nominated the following candidates for election to the International Narcotics Control Board:

Nelia P. Cortés-Maramba (Philippines)

Philip O. Emafo (Nigeria)

A. Hamid Ghodse (Islamic Republic of Iran)

Kalman Szendrei (Hungary)

4. The biographical information on the four candidates is contained in annex I. Information on meetings of the Board in 1995, on payments to members and on present membership is contained in annex II.

Notes

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Annex I

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION ON CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO THE INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL BOARD

Nelia Cortés-Maramba (Philippines)

Date of birth: 1935.

Education: Doctor of Medicine, University of the Philippines; postgraduate residency training in paediatrics at the Children's Hospital, Louisville, Kentucky, United States of America (1961-1962), at the University of Kansas Medical Center, Kansas City, Kansas, United States (1962-1963) and at the Medical College of Georgia, Augusta, Georgia, United States (1963-1964).

Present posts: Professor, Department of Pharmacology, and Clinical Professor, Department of Pediatrics, Philippines General Hospital, University of the Philippines; Project Head, National Poisons Control and Information Service, Philippines General Hospital (since 1991); Programme Coordinator, National Integrated Research Programme on Medicinal Plants, Philippine Council for Research and Development (since 1986); member of the Committee on Drugs and other Matters, Dangerous Drugs Board (since 1992); member of the World Health Organization (WHO) Expert Advisory Panel on Drug Dependence and Alcohol Problems, Geneva (since 1985).

Previous posts: Chairman, Department of Pharmacology, College of Medicine, University of the Philippines (1975-1983); member of the Ad Hoc Technical Committee, Dangerous Drugs Board (1978-1985), Committee on Listing and Delisting of Drugs (1986-1991); Chairman, Technical Advisory Committee on Drugs, Department of Health (1979-1983); member of the Advisory Committee on Medical Research, Western Pacific Region, WHO (1981-1984); Chairman, Drugs and Therapeutic Committee, Philippines General Hospital (1979-1987); Chairman, Committee on Research Implementation and Development, College of Medicine, University of the Philippines (1990-1992).

Publications: Author of 39 publications, including Guidebook on the Proper Use of Medicinal Plants (1992 and 1993) and Algorithm of Common Poisoning (1991).

Honours: Most Outstanding Researcher, University of the Philippines (1993); Life Achievement Award in Medical Research, National Research Council of the Philippines (1992); President Corazon Aquino and Civil Service Commission Lingkod Bayan Award (1988); Hans Menzi Professorial Chair (1986-1987).

Meetings attended: Participant in 34 international meetings (1968-1993) dealing with, inter alia, drug dependence and medicinal plants.

Philip O. Emafo (Nigeria)

Date of birth: 1936.

Education: Diploma in Pharmacy, Nigerian College of Arts, Science and Technology, Ibadan, Nigeria; Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours), University of London; Doctor of Philosophy in Biochemistry, University of Ibadan, Nigeria.

Present post: Member of the World Health Organization (WHO) Expert Advisory Panel on the International Pharmacopoeia and Pharmaceutical Preparations (since 1979).

Previous posts: Lecturer, School of Pharmacy, Zaria, Nigeria (1964-1966); lecturer in biochemistry, University of Ibadan, Nigeria (1969-1971); lecturer and senior lecturer in pharmaceutical microbiology and biochemistry, University of Benin, Benin City, Nigeria (1971-1977); consultant to the International Narcotics Control Board on assistance programmes to African countries (1989, 1991 and 1992); consultant to the United Nations International Drug Control Programme (UNDCP) on developing a training curriculum for drug inspectors (1993).

Publications: Author of numerous articles.

Meetings attended: Rapporteur-General, International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, Vienna (1987); member of the Group of Experts to advise and assist the Secretary-General on the enhancement of the efficiency of the United Nations structure for drug abuse control (1990); member of the ad hoc intergovernmental advisory group to assess strengths and weaknesses of global drug control efforts, appointed by the Executive Director of UNDCP (1994); member of the WHO Expert Committee on Drug Dependence (1992 and 1994); member of the Nigerian delegation to the World Health Assembly (1978-1979 and 1987-1988); head of the Nigerian delegation to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (1978, 1980-1981, and 1983-1988) and Chairman of the Commission at its tenth special session (1988); resource person for the Training Course for Drug Inspectors in Africa, Tunis (1994).

A. Hamid Ghodse (Islamic Republic of Iran)

Date of birth: 1938.

Education: Doctor of Medicine, Iran (1965); DPM, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (1974); PhD in Addictions, University of London (1976); MRCPsych, United Kingdom (1980); FRCPsych, United Kingdom (1985); MRCP, United Kingdom (1988); FRCP, London (1992).

Present posts: Professor and chairman, Psychiatry of Addictive Behaviours, St. George's Hospital Medical School, University of London; Director, Regional Drug and Alcohol Service, South Thames (West) Region, United Kingdom; Clinical Director, Pathfinder NHS Trust Addiction Services, London; President, European Collaborating Centres for Addiction Studies; Member of the National Advisory Panel, NHS Health Advisory Service; Advisor, Joint Formulary Committee, British

National Formulary; Member, World Health Organization (WHO) Expert Advisory Panel on Drug Dependence and Alcohol Problems; Member of the Executive Committee, Substance Misuse Section, and Member of the Court of Electors, Royal College of Psychiatrists, United Kingdom; Coordinator, Association of Clinical Professors of Psychiatry in the British Isles; Coordinator of Higher Degrees in Psychiatry, University of London; Editor of the International Journal of Social Psychiatry and of the Substance Misuse Bulletin; Member of the Editorial Advisory Board, British Journal of Addiction; Member of the International Narcotics Control Board (since 1992) (President 1993-1995).

Previous posts: Physician, Acting Director, Health Corps, West Azarbayjan, Iran (1965-1967); Research Fellow, Research Psychiatrist and Lecturer, Morgannwg Hospital, South Wales, St. Bartholomews Medical School and Addiction Research Unit, Institute of Psychiatry, University of London (1968-1978); Consultant Psychiatrist, St. George's and St. Thomas's hospitals; Senior Lecturer and Head of Division of Addictive Behaviour, Mental Health Services, St. George's Hospital Medical School (1978-1987).

Publications: Author of over 180 papers and several books on substance misuse and addictive behaviour, including: "Anglo-Dutch responses to drug problem", Journal of the Royal Society of Medicine (1988); "Improving the use of psychoactive drugs: educating the professionals", WHO publication (translated into eight languages) (1988); "Comparison of oral preparation of heroin and methadone to stabilize opiate misusers as in-patients", British Medical Journal (1990); Misuse of Drugs: the Criminal Law Library (1991); "Cannabis use in a large sample of acute psychiatric admissions", British Journal of Addiction (1991); "Systems analysis of a drug dependency service in London", British Journal of Addiction (1992); "Use of public health indicators of the extent and nature of drug problems during the 1970's and 1980's", Heroin Addiction and Drug Policy: The British System (1994); Addictive behaviour: a guide to treatment (1995); "International policies on addiction: strategy development and cooperation", British Journal of Psychiatry (1995).

Honours: Fellowship, Royal College of Psychiatrists of the United Kingdom (1985); M. S. McLeod Visiting Professor, Southern Australia Postgraduate Medical Education Association (1990); National Health Service Merit Award; Fellowship, Royal College of Physicians, United Kingdom (1992).

Meetings attended: Member, rapporteur and chairman of various WHO and European Community expert committees, review groups and other working groups on drug dependence; convener of WHO expert groups on medical education (1986), pharmacy education (1987), and nurse education (1989) and rational prescribing of psychiatric drugs; Conference of Ministers of Health on Narcotic and Psychotropic Drugs Misuse, London (1986); International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, Vienna (1987); World Ministerial Summit to Reduce the Demand for Drugs and to Combat the Cocaine Threat, London (1990); represented the International Narcotics Control Board at sessions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (1994-1995) and the Economic and Social Council (1993-1995), and at the International Meeting on Illicit Drug Traffic in the Near and Middle East and Central Asia, Tehran (1994).

Kalman Szendrei (Hungary)

Date of birth: 1936.

Education: Ph.D., Academy of Sciences, Budapest (1972); Doctor of Pharmacy, Szeged, University Medical School (1963); post-doctoral fellow (DAAD) at the University of Münster, Germany (1971); Professor of Pharmacognosy and Natural Products Chemistry (1977).

Present post: Senior Interregional Adviser (Scientific), United Nations International Drug Control Programme (UNDCP) Vienna; (Retiring on 1 July 1996)

Previous posts: Chief, Science and Research Section, UNDCP (1994-1995); Senior Interregional Adviser, Department of Technical Cooperation and Development, New York (1989-1991); Chief, Laboratory, Division of Narcotic Drugs, United Nations Office at Vienna (1988-1990); Senior Scientific Affairs Officer, Division of Narcotic Drugs, United Nations Office at Vienna (1984-1989); Professor and Director, Department of Pharmacognosy, Szeged University Medical School (1977-1992) (on leave 1984-1992).

Publications: Author of over 200 research papers, review articles, manuals and technical documents, including many United Nations publications on chemistry and pharmacology of natural medicinal products, psychoactive plants and drugs of abuse.

Meetings attended: Member of the Hungarian delegation to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs; invited expert at many United Nations, World Health Organization and other international expert meetings, workshops and conferences; representative of the United Nations (Division of Narcotic Drugs, UNDCP) at many international, regional and national meetings and consultations; organizer of international and national conferences, symposia and expert meetings on various aspects of pharmaceutical sciences and drug control.

Annex II

NUMBER, LENGTH AND PLACE OF MEETINGS, PAYMENTS AND PRESENT MEMBERSHIP OF THE INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL BOARD

"The Board shall meet as often as, in its opinion, may be necessary for the proper discharge of its functions, but shall hold at least two sessions in each calendar year" (Single Convention, article 11, paragraph 2).

The duration of each session varies from one to three weeks. In 1995 its sessions were as follows:

Fifty-eighth session, 8-19 May 1995

Fifty-ninth session, 30 October-16 November 1995

The sessions are normally held in the headquarters of the Board's secretariat at Vienna, Austria (Vienna International Centre).

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 2491 (XXIII) of 21 December 1968, the members of the Board receive a per diem allowance while participating in Board sessions or in official missions. As of January 1996, this allowance at Vienna is US$ 303 per day. Members' travelling expenses are defrayed by the United Nations according to current administrative practice.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 35/218 of 17 December 1980, members of the Board receive honoraria on the following annual basis:

President	US$ 5,000
Vice-Presidents	US$ 4,000
Members	US$ 3,000

The present membership of the International Narcotics Control Board is as follows: a/

Sirad Atmodjo (1997) b/
Edward A. Babayan (2000)
Alfredo Pemjean (2000) b/
A. Hamid Ghodse (1997) b/
Dil Jan Khan (1997)
Gottfried Machata (1997)
Mohammed Abbas Mansour (2000)
Bunsom Martin (1997)
António Lourenço Martins (2000)
Herbert S. Okun (1997)
Manuel Quijano (1997)
Oskar Schroeder (2000)
Elba Torres Graterol (2000)

Notes

a/ The year given after each name indicates the end of the member's term of office, that is, 1 March 1997 or 1 March 2000.

b/ Members elected from among candidates nominated by WHO.